

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

July 11, 2022 and continued to July 13, 2022

Plymouth Township Council held its Regular Meeting at the Greater Plymouth Community Center. The following officials were in attendance:

Council: Chris Manero ----- Chairman
Karen Bramblett ----- Vice-Chairman
Kathy Bandish
Lynne Viscio
Nicholas Whitney

Staff: Karen Weiss ----- Manager
Alex Glassman ----- Solicitor's Office
Lonnie Manai ----- Woodrow & Associates
John Myrsiades ----- Chief of Police

Pledge of Allegiance - The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and Chairman Manero led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Manero stated every meeting agenda is required to be posted 24 hours in advance according to a State Law called the Sunshine Act. Unfortunately, due to human error it was not posted, so we cannot hold our meeting tonight. Mr. Manero stated we will open the meeting and shortly continue the meeting to Wednesday, July 13th. Mr. Manero stated he would like to get to the public comment portion in case residents cannot make Wednesday's meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT-

Sean Forster - 634 Turf Lane- stated he is here representing his mother, Karen Forster. Mr. Forster stated his mother sold her house recently and was made aware that she would need a sewer lateral inspection. When they went to scope the line, there was a rock blocking the pipe. Mr. Forster stated when his mother bought the house 20 years ago, this was not a requirement. Mr. Forster strongly stated this is becoming a burden for his mother and believes she should be grandfathered in. Mr. Forster spoke with the Code Enforcement Director at length who gave him two ordinances. Ms. Weiss stated there is an ordinance requiring the homeowner to have a sewer lateral inspection prior to sale. Mr. Forster stated it says this was enacted December 20, 2000; his mother purchased the home before then.

Ms. Weiss asked where the rock is located. Ms. Forster stated in the front yard. Ms. Weiss stated the homeowner is responsible. Ms. Forster asked if the pipe is damaged from the rock, who is responsible. Ms. Weiss stated the homeowner. Mr. Forster stated they would like some understanding or rational explained to them. Ms. Weiss stated the Public Works Director may be able to remove items from the vent.

Penelope Neil - 816 Woodbrook Lane- stated her neighbor down the street has a large banner out front with profanity on it. She is concerned with children walking by and seeing it. Ms. Neil called the Police Department and spoke with Code Enforcement. Mr. Clarke stated the Township is not allowed to regulate content and/or speech. However, if the size of the sign violates the ordinance, then it can be regulated. Mr. Manero stated if it is a flag, there is nothing the Township can legally do. Chief Myrsiades stated they would talk to the resident and try to reason with them.

Ron Wilson- 328 Weymouth Road - asked how the one-day trash pick-up arose. Mr. Manero stated it was brought to Council by our Public Works Director. Mr. Manero stated they have not been able to discuss this with the Public Works Director yet. Mr. Wilson stated Plymouth's sanitation has always been the best and does not understand why we would follow Conshohocken Borough or Whitpain Township. Mr. Manero stated Council has not had the opportunity to scratch the surface with this.

Penelope Neil - 816 Woodbrook Lane- asked about the trash memo. Mr. Manero stated at our meeting last Tuesday there was discussion about moving from a two-day trash week to one. One day would be trash/recycle and yard waste on another day. Ms. Weiss stated the main reason it was brought up because the sanitation workers would take half as many steps off the truck if pick up was once a week.

Dan Kerper - 202 Valley Road - stated he works in Public Works at Upper Merion Township; more people will put out trash if it is once a week, therefore a 40-pound bag of trash will be an 80-pound bag. Mr. Kerper also addressed other issues relating to this, if there is a holiday during the week, more trips to the dump, trash left on the truck, which will attract animals. Mr. Kerper stated he believes it will be more of a workload on the workers.

Venus Robbins - 739 Clover Lane - stated she is concerned about one day a week for trash. Ms. Robbins stated it would create more distress lifting heavier trashcans. Ms. Robbins stated why change something that has been working.

At 7:38 p.m., Chairman Manero recessed the meeting until Wednesday, July 13th at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 13, 2022

Pledge of Allegiance - The Regular Meeting was continued at 7:00 p.m. and Chairman Manero led the Pledge of Allegiance.

6:00 p.m. - Hearing and Meeting- Map Amendment and Text Amendment for Life Sciences- Mr. Manero stated this has been moved to August 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT- There was no public comment pertaining to any items advertised on the agenda.

Proclamation- Parks and Recreation Professionals Day- Ms. Bramblett read the proclamation recognizing the Parks and Recreation Department. Ms. Bramblett made a motion to approve this proclamation and was seconded by Mr. Whitney. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor.

Swearing-in Police Officers-

1) Sean Murphy- Ms. Bramblett made a motion to hire Officer Sean Murphy and was seconded by Ms. Viscio. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor.

2) Timothy Strano- Mr. Whitney made a motion to hire Officer Timothy Strano and was seconded by Ms. Bandish. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor.

Officers Murphy and Strano were sworn in by District Justice Jodi Griffis.

ANNOUNCEMENT- Executive Session held July 5, 2022

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairman Manero called for the approval of the minutes.

- a. Workshop Meeting ----- June 6, 2022
- b. Regular Meeting ----- June 13, 2022

Mr. Whitney made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Viscio. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor.

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS AND BILLS: Chairman Manero called for the approval of the departmental reports and bills.

Mr. Whitney made a motion to approve the departmental reports and bills. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bandish.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor.

ADMINISTRATION

a. Ordinance 1672 Amendment- Final Consideration- ACTION- Mr. Glassman read the amendment. Mr. Manero stated this ordinance is rescinding the sprinkler requirement to be retrofitted in existing high-rise apartment buildings. Mr. Whitney made a motion to approve the amendment and was seconded by Ms. Viscio. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor.

b. Bond Issue Ordinance- First and Final Consideration- ACTION- Mr. Manero stated this item has been moved to July 21st, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

c. Ordinance to Purchase 818 Germantown Pike- First and Final Consideration- ACTION- Mr. Glassman read the ordinance regarding the purchase of 818 Germantown Pike. Ms. Bandish made a motion to approve this ordinance and was seconded by Mr. Whitney. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor.

d. Stipulation to Settle- 2914 Walton Road- Mr. Glassman stated this is a tax assessment appeal stipulation, in which there is an underpayment to Plymouth Township of \$499.27. Ms. Bramblett made a motion to approve this settlement and was seconded by Ms. Viscio. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor.

e. Ruth High Agreement- Mr. Glassman stated this is another settlement agreement for the property at 621 Galahad Road. Ms. Bramblett made a motion to approve this agreement and was seconded by Ms. Bandish. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor.

f. Motion to Draft Ordinance on Composition of Council- Mr. Manero stated currently, in Plymouth Township, we elect five members to Council. Four are elected by wards and one is elected at-large (township-wide). In odd numbered years, we elect these positions- 2 in one year, and the other 3 two years later. Mr. Manero wondered if it would be more effective to elect all five seats at-large. Mr. Manero stated he would like to ask our solicitor to draft an ordinance for us to begin studying this structure.

Plymouth Township would need to authorize the creation of a Government Study Commission, which would consider the suitability of an amendment to the Charter.

If the Government Study Commission's findings and recommendations include an amendment of the Charter, that question would then be submitted to voters in a future election. Mr. Manero stated this would not be put into effect until 2025. Mr. Manero made a motion for Council to authorize the Township Solicitor to draft an ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Whitney. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor.

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

a. Goldenberg LPRS Agreement- Mr. Glassman read the agreement between the property owner, Metroplex West Associates L.P. and Plymouth Township for the installation of License Plate Readers (LPRS) at the Metroplex. The property manager has agreed to reimburse the Township for half of the annual fee paid to the vendor, or \$6,113 annually. Ms. Viscio made a motion to approve this agreement and was seconded by Mr. Whitney. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor. Chief Myrsiades stated these license plate readers will help us keep our residents, business people, and visitors a lot safer.

PUBLIC/WORKS/SEWER

ENGINEERING

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

- a. **L.D. 17-2 Conicelli Auto Group/906 Ridge Pike**
 - 1) Expiration date August 20, 2022
 - b. **L.D. 18-4 SMG Hotels/201 Plymouth Road**
 - 1) Expiration date December 31, 2022
 - c. **S.D. 20-2 Marchese/751 Belvoir Road**
 - 1) Time Limit Waived
 - d. **L.D. 21-1 Kelman and Magliari Realty, LLC/2070 Butler Pike**
 - 1) Expiration date December 31, 2022
 - e. **S.D. 21-3 David Erb, Jr./101 North Lane**
 - 1) Expiration date September 30, 2022
 - f. **L.D. 22-1 1508 Sandy Hill Road/Riverview Land Development**
 - 1) Expiration date August 15, 2022
 - g. **L.D. 22-2 107 Conicelli Autoplex/1208 Ridge Pike/Hyundai**
 - 1) Expiration date August 28, 2022
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CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROJECTS NOT YET RECORDED

a. Extension Requests- ACTION-

1) **Fairfield Development to November 15, 2022-** Mr. Whitney made a motion to approve this extension request and was seconded by Ms. Bramblett. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor.

PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

CODE ENFORCEMENT

a. Records Disposition Resolution- Ms. Bandish made a motion to approve this resolution and was seconded by Mr. Whitney. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor.

ZONING

a. Zoning Hearings- Mr. Manero announced that the Zoning Hearing Board of Plymouth Township will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 25, 2022 commencing at 7:00 p.m., on the following applications: 1) Brixmor Plymouth Square, LLC, 2) Freedom Fence LLC (Evan Flamm), 3) Freedom Fence LLC (Carol Franklyn), 4) Barry Urban, and 5) Freedom Fence LLC (Dana Hermann). Any citizen of Plymouth Township or interested party may attend the public hearing and have an opportunity to be heard.

PARKS AND RECREATION

a. Upcoming Events- Ms. Bramblett stated the following are the upcoming events: Movie: Space Jam- Wednesday, July 13th, Concert: The Right Swipes- Wednesday, July 20th, Movie: Cruella- Wednesday, July 27th, National Night Out- Tuesday, August 2nd. The fall program brochure will be available Monday July 25th. The GPCC will be shut down for a week to perform maintenance from Monday, August 29th through September 2nd.

MISCELLANEOUS/OLD BUSINESS

a. Citizen Board Vacancy Announcement- Ms. Viscio stated the following citizen board positions are open: three positions on the Property Maintenance Code Appeals Board, two on the Historical Architectural Review Board one on the Environmental Advisory Board, and one on the East Norriton-Plymouth-Whitpain Joint Sewer Authority Board.

Anyone interested in serving on one of these boards can submit a resume or letter of interest to Karen Weiss, the Township Manager.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Adam Schildt - 104 Valley Creek Road - stated his neighborhood backs up to East Plymouth Valley Park, and there are many issues with the park. Mr. Schildt stated there is an abundance of vehicles, trash left on the ground, and the noise from the speakers during the baseball games is loud. Mr. Schildt stated he has called the Police complaining several times. Mr. Manero stated they are trying to address all of the concerns. Ms. Bramblett asked if they could lower the volume. Mr. Manero stated they have to move the speaker. Ms. Bramblett asked why they are playing music during the game. Mr. Manero stated he believes things can be done to make it work better. Ms. Bandish asked what time does the noise ordinance begin. Ms. Weiss stated generally it is around 10:00 p.m., but there is no designated time. Chief Myrsiades stated they have responded to East Plymouth Valley Park and are trying to respect all parties involved. Mr. Manero will reach out to the President of Plymouth Little League.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Annalisa Primus
Recording Secretary